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SUBJECT: FONMIN CRITICIZES SWEDISH AMBASSADOR

1. IN MEETING LAST WEEK WITH FRENCH AND PERUVIAN AMBASSADORS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SAFECONDUCTS FOR DEPARTURE FROM CHILE OF ASYLEES IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (SEPTTEL), MINFON AFFAIRS HUERTA REPORTEDLY MADE CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT SWEDISH AMB EDELSTAM.

2. ACCORDING TO LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUE OF MINE, FONMIN TOLD DIPLOMATS THAT EDELSTAM'S USE OF FORMER CUBAN EMBASSY AS PERSONAL OFFICE AND AS QUARTERS FOR ASYLEES NOT JUSTIFIED BY HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION CUBAN INTERESTS HERE. IN REMARKING ON EDELSTAM'S CONTINUED CONTENTIONS ACTIVITIES AND STANCE VIS-A-VIS GOC, HUERTA REFERRED TO HIM AS A "PROVACATEUR".

3. HUERTA PARTICULARLY UPSET BY EDELSTAM'S PERFORMANCE AT NATIONAL STADIUM WHERE HE APPARENTLY BLUFFED MILITARY AUTHORITIES INTO TURNING OVER TO HIM NUMBER OF URUGUAYAN PRISONERS WITHOUT HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION AND SAFECONDUCTS FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, (PERHAPS AS RESULT OF THIS EVENT PROTOCOL OFFICE ISSUED CIRCULAR NOTE NO. 148, OCT 23, TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS REMAINING THEM THAT
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REQUESTS FOR SAFECONDUCT PASSES MUST BE FILED WITH IT AND NOT

WITH OTHER CIVIL OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES.) WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS ACTIONS AT STADIUM, EDELSTAM REPORTEDLY TOLD MINISTRY THAT HE WAS MERELY ACCOMPANYING URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR. URUGUAYAN HAS DENIED THIS AND STATED THAT HE WAS ASKED TO GO ALONG BY EDELSTAM.

4. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, EDELSTAM HAS TOLD SOME DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES THAT HE IS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER PALME AND OPERATING UNDER THE LATTER'S SPECIFIC ORDERS AND PROTECTION.

5. LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL STORIES IN RECENT DAYS (PERHAPS PLANTED BY GOC) REPORTING DISAPPROVAL OF EDELSTAM'S ACTIVITIES WITHIN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. ALSO RECENTLY REPORTED IN PRESS WAS TORY THAT GUNSHOTS ONCE AGAIN HEARD INSIDE CUBAN EMBASSY COMPOUND. PRESS SENSATIONALIZING THAT CHILEAN EXTREMIST MARAMBIO BELIEVED TO BE INSIDE RESIDENCE (SANTIAGO 5482). WAS SETTLING SCORES WITH RECALCITRANT TUPAMAROS AND OTHERS. THOMPSON

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